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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE. FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Holden at Suffield, Nov. 6. 1822.

The Society met at the time and place appointed, and opened its business by singing and prayer.

1. Heard and accepted the following report of the proceedings of the Board for the past year.

REPORT.

It having been found that the measures heretofore adopted for supplying the destitute churches in this state with the preaching of the word, was acceptable to the society, and very much blessed of God; the Board the last year thought it best to pursue the same course, and they now have the happiness to say that they reflect with no less satisfaction than formerly on this method of appropriating our missionary funds. Far be it from us to diminish that feeling of pity which exists in the hearts of our brethren and sisters towards the poor Burmans, and towards those faithful ones who have made such sacrifices to carry the gospel to them. But while we consider the condition of our churches in this state, and behold them suffering so severely from the ordinary embarrassments of the cause of Christ, and also from "the opposition of unbelievers," we cannot but hear an *inverted* Macedonian cry, saying, "stay at home and help us." So long therefore as the funds of the foreign mission can allow it, we feel impressed with the duty of cherishing the interests of Zion around us. The present day is evidently a time of trial, but it is a time for which we have prayed; "purify thy church," is a supplication we have often offered to God, and which God will most certainly answer. But we have not yet seen the pure gold diminished. Many churches which have suffered from declension and from severe opposition, have manifested more union of soul, more zeal in duty, and more spirituality in worship than is often found in large and wealthy communities. These things encourage us to strive for their edification in the faith and love of the gospel. In many places our labour has been wonderfully succeeded, and we begin to hear "the weak say, I am strong."

We have examined the journal of those brethren who have been employed the year past; from which it appears that brother William Bentley has travelled 1566 miles, has preached 156 sermons, including only his labours for the society; has baptised 36 persons, attended 15 church meetings, administered the Lord's supper 7 times, collected for the society \$62 25. Brother Tubal Wakefield, a licensed

preacher, has travelled 1430 miles in the service of the society, preached 162 sermons, and collected \$39 92. Brother Samuel West has spent a short time in the service of the society, in which he has preached 18 sermons, and collected \$3 58. Brother Enoch Green, jun. a licensed preacher, has also laboured a short time,—has preached 19 times, and collected \$2 62. Several other brethren have been employed in the service of the society, a few weeks each; but a detail of their labours is not given, on account of the short time they have been employed.

Your Board still recommend the attention of the Society to the destitute societies in this state, and they would strengthen their recommendation by remarking that almost every attempt that has been made to supply a destitute place has extended the sphere of operation, and increased the demand for more labour.

Finally the extensive rage of iniquity and the influence and success of the gospel in quelling it, urges us to action, and enforces the exhortation of the prophet to those that "make mention of the name of the Lord, to give him no rest till he establish and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

2. Heard and accepted the Treasurer's report, audited by brethren Goodwin and Bentley, from which we find

\$990 50 received.

330 05 expended

\$660 45 remaining.

3. Heard with much interest the annual epistles from the several female mite societies, connected with this society, by the hand of the corresponding secretary.

4. Resolved that the thanks of the Society be presented to the several Female Mite Societies, whose interesting and truly encouraging communications have just been read.

Adjourned until P. M. for public worship.

Brother Merriam preached from John iv. 34, 35, after which a contribution was taken up for the Missionary Society.

After worship, the Society resumed its business, and

5. Heard and approved of a communication from the committee for publishing the **Christian Secretary**.

6. Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the committee for publishing the **Christian Secretary**, for their gratuitous services.

7. Resolved that we transmit, through the medium of our Treasurer, one hundred dollars to the Treasurer of the Baptist General Convention.

8. Appointed brother Oliver Wilson our delegate to the next meeting of the Baptist General Convention, and in case of failure, brother Eli Ball.

9. Resolved, that we continue our patronage of the **Christian Secretary**, and that the committee appointed last year to publish the same, be continued the ensuing year for the same purpose.

10. Appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.

Rev. ASAHEL MORSE, *President*.

JONATHAN GOODWIN

ASA WILCOX

ELISHA CUSHMAN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

ELI BALL, *Recording Secretary*.

Mr. JOSEPH B. GILBERT, *Treasurer*.

Rev. SAMUEL WEST,
ISAAC DWINELL,
ISAAC MERRIAM,
DAVID WRIGHT,
OLIVER WILSON,

Trustees.

11. Resolved, That we hold our next meeting at the Baptist meeting house in Mansfield, on the 1st Wednesday in Nov. 1823, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned; prayer by br. Cushman.

The following are extracts of letters from the Female Societies accompanied with communications to the Treasurer of this Society.

"We feel a regret that the little Female Society once formed here has dwindled away; yet a few of us have agreed to cast in our mites to aid the Foreign Mission. God has highly favoured us in this Christian land, and we have a desire that the gospel might spread through the whole world. We believe that the souls of those poor ignorant creatures are as precious as ours. We have a wish to do a little towards the spread of the gospel amongst them. We believe that a little cheerfully given, and with an eye single to the glory of God, will be accepted of him. Brethren, we send a small piece of fulled cloth and a pair of stockings to apply to the Indian Missions."

"When we take a survey of the human family, we behold a vast difference between the inhabitants of the various portions of the earth, not only as it regards their knowledge of God, the only proper object of religious worship; but also as it respects their state of civilization. If we inquire into the cause of this, we are constrained to impute it to the light of divine revelation, and the influence which the religion of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, has had in enlightening the understanding, changing the nature, and controlling the passions of man. Allowing this to be the case, if all ideas of a future state were taken out of the way, it would yet be the duty of every well-wisher to mankind to exert himself to the utmost, to spread this glorious religion. But when we view Christ as the truth, the way, and the life; as the chief corner-stone in Zion; and as the only name given among men whereby we can be saved; and when we consider that all those, who know not God and who obey not the gospel, must be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and the glory of his power; we conceive that every friend of Jesus ought in a peculiar manner to be active in a cause so glorious, and to strive to the extent of their power to spread the knowledge of that Saviour, whom to know aright is life eternal. We lament the low state of our society, and the backwardness too visible amongst the professed followers of Christ, to become workers together with him, by furnishing that pecuniary aid necessary for the propagation of the gospel."

"With pleasure we attempt to address you for the first time, (hoping it will be acceptable,) upon the great and important concerns of missions. Under those impressions and with a sympathising sense of the miseries of the heathen, a number of females, members of the church, formed a society, April 2d, 1822, for the purpose of aiding the missionary exertions going forward in the regions of the East. We feel encouraged to cast in our mite, believing it will

be accepted by you, and we hope blessed and approved of God, and transmit the same to your care, wishing it to be appropriated to the support of Foreign Missions. Whilst we are contributing of our earthly substance, may we examine our hearts carefully what our motives are, and then do with our might what our hands find to do. Since we are so highly favored of the Lord with the Gospel, which has been as a sovereign balm for every wound, and a cordial for our fears, we feel a desire that every soul may share the same great blessing. O may we consider the great work which the friends of Christ have undertaken, to leave their native land and cross the boisterous ocean to proclaim a risen Saviour to the heathen. Whilst we enjoy so many privileges, may we realize the obligation we are under to do all that we can. Duty however, is now plainly manifest, and we are willing to reserve a part of what God has bestowed upon us for the support of the most noble cause which hath ever existed on this earth. O may we and all the servants of the Most High ever realize that the silver and the gold is the Lord's, yea the whole earth and the fulness thereof, and may none like the slothful servant hide his Lord's money, though he be steward over but little, for it is not required of a man according to that which he hath not, but according to that which he hath. The Apostle says, He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver. If we have this witness that we are doing that which is well pleasing to the Lord, is it not enough to reward us for all our labours? can we not be assured that it is well pleasing to the Lord to see his servants engaged in his cause? How pleasing the thought of being instrumental, not only of honoring and promoting that cause which we have professed and hope we truly love, but of sending the joyful news of salvation by Jesus Christ to the benighted heathen, with the hope of their receiving its enlightened rays and salutary joys into their hearts. We wish the blessing of God ever to attend your labours, and solicit an interest in your prayers that we might be the devoted servants and humble followers of the Lord."

"Although our hearts are too cold and languid; and our desires for the prosperity of the cause of God too faint, yet we cannot remain altogether silent and inactive. We have heard of a Saviour whose blood we hope has been applied to cleanse our souls from guilt; we are privileged with the stated preaching of the gospel, and the administration of its ordinances; while there are thousands who never heard the name of Jesus, and many who have heretofore lived under the sound of the gospel are now deprived of the privilege which we enjoy. We are sensible that the Lord will carry on his work, and effect all his designs; yet we believe there is a duty for his people to do; they are called upon to be found workers together with God. We feel a desire in our hearts that the Gospel may spread, that by its glorious effects the degraded African may be exalted, the ignorant Burman enlightened, the superstitious Hindoo convinced of his errors, the ferocious savages of our western wilds tamed, and the scattered children of God fed and refreshed. For this we feel to pray and also to contribute; although it is but little that we can do, yet if the Lord has put a mite into the hands of his children that belongs to the cause of Zion, he as much demands it as if it were thousands.

We rejoice that the gospel is spreading in heathen lands, and that those who have long sat in the region and shadow of death, are beginning to discover the light. The goodness of God to our own land demands our highest praise. What wonders have been wrought! Prince Immanuel is riding in triumph in many places, and the enemy is made to feel the force of the arrows of truth. It is the Lord's doings,

and is marvellous in our eyes. What we do we are sensible must be done quickly; brethren and sisters are falling in death, and we must soon follow them down to the grave."

"We have abundant reason to mourn that we feel the cause of our blessed Redeemer lying no nearer our hearts, while it is so evident that the Lord is doing wonders in our day and in our land. But as cold as our hearts are, we cannot altogether withhold our prayers to Almighty God that his kingdom may come, and that his will may be done in the earth as it is done in heaven. Nor can we while we have a mite in our hands, withhold the same from the treasury of the Lord. Believing as we do that the glory of God and the good of souls is the object you have in view, and that under your patronage the gospel is preached to the destitute, and thereby good is done to the souls of men, we transmit to you the few cents we have on hand, leaving it with you to dispose of the same as you may judge best."

"We are happy in contemplating the nature of the gospel scheme; the high and the low, the rich and the poor, male and female, are all one in Christ; are all raised up and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. God does not require great things, but good things, that we may be accepted of him, neither does he stand in need of mighty instruments to accomplish his designs. He hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, and things which are not to bring to nought things that are.

Under these impressions we take the liberty to address you, though our number is few and our resources small. We are nevertheless encouraged to continue our feeble efforts in missionary operations. We send you accompanying this — wishing that it may be appropriated to the support of the foreign mission."

"We are once more permitted to offer unto the Lord that which we have received from his merciful hand, believing that the goodness of God ought to lead us to repentance. And while he is giving us a disposition to cast in a few mites for the support of the gospel, we confess that we are not so much devoted to him as we ought to be.

Brethren pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you, and that we may do whatsoever our hands find to do with all our might, for the night cometh when no man can work."

"We shall now inform you that God in his providence has seen fit to open the hearts of a few of our beloved sisters, to assist us in sending the gospel to heathen lands. Considering the infinite importance of proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation through a glorious Redeemer to dying sinners—believing that 'faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God,' and those who minister in spiritual things need the aid of temporal things, we realize it to be our duty, and rejoice in it as a privilege to contribute our mite towards the encouragement and promotion of such a glorious undertaking.

Our infant society was constituted Sept. 4, 1822, twelve in number—a pleasing thought, that the Lord does not despise the day of small things. We hope our little pittance will be accepted, as we trust it is the product of a willing mind. We feel a most ardent desire that the cares and delights of the world might not come in competition with our desire for the spread of the gospel in heathen lands. What is this earth, and what are all the flattering allurements of it? They are indeed vain and empty things, and can with propriety be compared to the morning cloud or early dew. Let the gay and thoughtless expend their treasures to decorate their bodies with useless ornaments, but let us (who have been brought to see ourselves lost by nature and practice, and enemies

to the best of beings, and as we trust have drank of the bitter cup of repentance, and tasted the joys of salvation) strive that our adorning be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

Amidst all our discouragements we can humbly say we have yet a little strength. The possibility of doing some good by our feeble exertions in the cause of our blessed Master, at times stimulates us to activity. We have every encouragement to persevere.

We rejoice that under the influence and direction of Providence, the Christian world have set in motion a system of love and benevolence which is producing wonders. Accession of thousands are yearly made to the followers of Christ. We rejoice in the success of his cause, and in the extent of his empire.

In obedience to him who has taught us to pray thy kingdom come, we feel it our duty to implore the divine blessing on those who have left their dearest earthly comforts, to proclaim a crucified Saviour to the heathen, and to cast in our mite for their support.

The tawny sons of the forest, we think call for our exertion; we therefore wish the small sum we send you, be applied to the Indian Mission.

Permit us again to address you on a subject interesting both to you and us. The advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, still lies near our hearts. We rest assured that God will give his Son "the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession," yea that he "will make Zion an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations."

Believing that if the nations are converted, it must be by the word, and that it is impossible to believe on him of whom they have not heard, we still feel determined to do something to assist our brethren who are engaged in sending abroad the word of life.

For this purpose we send you a small sum, to be applied to the translation of the Scriptures, and may He who shed his precious blood for the redemption of a sinful world, condescend to make it a means of the conversion of some precious soul.

Being impressed with a sense of duty we owe to God, and his dear Son, we once more address you. We feel thankful that we live in this enlightened land, where we can set with delight under our own vines, without any hindrance or fear. When contrasting the vast difference between this land of gospel light and liberty, to the millions of souls that are overwhelmed in darkness and idolatry, our compassion is excited, and in casting our mite into the treasury of the Lord, for the promulgation of the gospel to the benighted pagans, we feel our hearts enlarged, our minds ennobled. We believe the promise to be fulfilling that the gospel shall be preached to all nations; and we think the time not far distant, when the glorious morning of the millenium shall make its appearance, when all nations shall see eye to eye. Then shall the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God; and to all those who fear his name, shall the Son of righteousness arise, with healing in his wings. We rejoice that so many are engaged for the support of the gospel which we hope is spreading among the heathen; and, O may those who are now in the region of darkness and shadow of death, be brought to worship the true God, by the instrumentality of those who are appointed to proclaim liberty to captives, and the opening of prison doors to those that are bound. We regret that our society is so small, and the sum contributed no more; yet however small the sum, or feeble the means, we hope, if our hearts are right, it will be acceptable with God. We send you a small sum accompanied with our prayers, that it may assist in planting the standard of the Redeemer's kingdom in the land of darkness and idolatry; we

rejoice for what is doing in the vineyard of the Lord, and hope much more will be done for his declarative glory. O may the heralds of the gospel of peace, go proclaiming pardon to a perishing world.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Connecticut Baptist Missionary Society in account with Joseph B. Gilbert, Treasurer.

1822.	Dr.	
Apr. 16.	To cash paid Treas. of Bap. B. F. Mis.	\$100 00
Aug. 6.	To paid Rev. Wm. Bentley's order,	99 80
	To paid Rev. Orra Martin, do.	27 50
	To paid Rev. David Wright, do.	6 75
	To paid Rev. Tubal Wakefield, do.	60 00
	To paid Rev. Daniel Wildman, do.	25 00
	To paid Rev. William Bentley, do.	5 00
	To paid Rev. Elisha Cushman, do.	2 00
	To 1 ream paper for use of Society and Secretary Office.	4 00
Nov. 7.	To paid Rev. Enoch Green, jun. order,	16 55
	To paid Rev. Frederick Wightman, do.	21 00
	To paid Rev. William Bentley, do.	14 00
	To paid Rev. Tubal Wakefield, do.	14 84
	To paid Rev. Samuel West, do.	19 97
	To paid Rev. Alfred Bennett, agent for Indian Missions,	71 02
	To paid Rev. Elisha Cushman, order,	3 94
		491 37
1823, Jan. 7.	To amount carried to new account,	728 33
		\$1,219 70

1821.	Cr.	
Nov. 7.	By balance in Treas. in cash and notes,	\$592 11
Dec. 22.	cash from Fem. Mite Society, Cornwall,	7 39
	donation of the late Mrs. Lydia Allen, by E. Cushman,	55 00
	cash from the church in Winchester,	5 37
1822, Jan. 16.	Received Daniel Wildman, Baptist church in Stratfield, by hand of D. Wildman,	1 00
	22. Chesterfield Female Mite Society,	32 50
Feb. 4.	North Stonington Female Mite Society,	5 20
	5. Middletown Female Mite Society,	15 00
	Rev. Tubal Wakefield, collected in the service of the Board,	21 90
	Rev. Wm. Bentley, do.	6 25
	Cash from a friend to Missions,	20 85
	2nd Female Mite Society of the first church Groton, Foreign Missions,	3 00
Apr. 30.	Female Mite Society, Groton Fort Hill, do.	7 67
May 10.	A friend to Missions, by David C. Bolles,	4 16
	David C. Bolles,	5 00
Aug. 7.	Rev. David Wright,	1 00
	Rev. Orra Martin, collected in service of the Board,	2 00
	Rev. Tubal Wakefield, do.	5 61
	Rev. William Bentley, do.	17 93
	Rev. Daniel Wildman, do.	35 10
Sept. 27.	Baptist congregation in Winstead, by Elder Morse,	3 00
	23. Philip Pearl, Esq. of Hampton, for Mission among the Indians at the west,	2 15
Oct. 4.	1st church in Suffield,	10 00
	John Turney,	2 00
	Baptist church and society in Stratfield, Stonington Union Association, by Rev. Roswell Burrows,	3 00
	Mrs. Abigail Hunt, Sharon, by hand of Rev. C. P. Wilson,	29 36
	Friends in Colebrook, by Rev. R. Babcock,	34 00
	Contribution of Hartford Association,	2 00
19.	Female Mite Society, North Stonington, for Foreign Missions,	1 90
29.	Rev. Asa Tallmage, Foreign Missions,	16 19
	Female Mite Society, Hartford,	12 75
Nov. 5.	Rev. F. Wightman,	1 00
	Fem. Mite Society, Ashford and Willington,	1 00
	do. do. Cornwall,	4 31
	do. do. Litchfield,	3 60
	do. do. Middletown,	8 91
	do. do. Bristol,	12 44
	do. do. Mansfield,	12 70
	do. do. Windham and Hampton, for translation,	10 27
	do. do. Pomfret,	16 64
	do. do. Colebrook,	15 40
	do. do. Woodstock,	2 25
	do. do. East Hartford, Indian Mis.	6 50
	By cash, Rev. Asahel Morse, \$1, a friend,	9 54
	50 cts., Rev. Pierpont Brocket, \$1,	
	Rev. Oliver Wilson, \$2, Rev. Wm. Bentley,	2 50
	\$1, Rev. Jno. Paine, \$1,	4 00
	Hampton church, for Indian Missions,	4 04
	Lebanon do. for do.	3 66
		1108 37

* Made up and sent to Indian Mission.

Amount bro't over,	
New-London do. for do.	1108 37
Waterford do. for do.	3 02
New-London Association,	5 60
Waterford Church,	7 80
Milton Paine, \$1, Wm. Bennett, \$1,	3 87
Eleazer Bennett, 1, Rev. Jona. Goodwin, 1,	2 00
Rev. Eli Ball, 1, Samuel Miller, 1,	2 00
Rev. Rufus Babcock, 1, Rev. Asa Wilcox, 1,	2 00
Selden Minor 1, Mission box kept by Esther Miner 1 17,	2 17
Rev. Enoch Green 1, Rev. Enoch Green jr. 1,	2 00
Ezekiel Skinner 1, C. Best 1, David King 1,	3 00
Rev. Samuel West 1, Rev. Alvin Bennett 1,	2 00
Rev. Isaac Dwinell 1, Esther Waters 1,	2 00
John Porter 1, John Osgood 1,	2 00
Collection at Annual Meeting Society	12 36
Received of Hartford Association for Indian Missions,	35 16
From a friend, by E. Cushman, for the instruction of children at Cox's Bazar,	12 00
Rev. Esek Brown, 1,	1 00
Dec. 13. Cash from Female Mite Society, Canton and Northington,	6 85
Deacon Joseph Pinney, Foreign Missions,	1 00
Joseph B. Gilbert, 1,	1 00
	\$1,219 70
1823, Jan. 7, By balance in Treasury in cash and notes,	\$728 33

From the Christian Watchman.

BAPTIST MISSION IN BURMAH.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. Mr. Judson, to the Rev. Lucius Bolles, of Salem, dated

RANGOON JULY 1st, 1822.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—I have for some time past, been taken off from my studies, in consequence of a severe fever, succeeded by an attack of the cholera, but am now nearly recovered. I hope to finish the translations of the New Testament in three or four months. This work has, of late, so completely occupied my time, that I have little else of missionary operation to communicate. The church remains, without much alteration. We have baptized thirteen in all. One (Moung Thah-lah) has died in the faith, and one (Moung Nyo-dwa) has been excluded for neglect of public worship, and such inattention to religion, as appeared to us inconsistent with a christian profession. Most of the old inquirers who stifled their convictions through fear of persecution, have fallen off. Two or three however, men of respectability, have lately recommenced attending worship on Lord's-day; and one in particular, Moung Myat-lah, husband of the first woman baptized, gives some reason to hope, that he is a real Christian in heart.—Mah Doka also, a relation of the same family, has lately requested baptism, and her case is now under consideration. She is one of the Nan-daung women, with whom Mrs. J. has spent so many days—I hope not in vain. Once she was as forward as the rest, but subsequently lost her impressions. It is now two months, since she began anew, alarmed by the simple inquiry, whether she was prepared to die.

Brother Hough and family are with us; but we have not been able to commence printing, not having received the types from Bengal.

Yours, most affectionately,

A. JUDSON, Jun.

Rev. Mr. Bolles has also received a letter from Jonathan D. Price, Missionary at Rangoon, dated July 11, in which Dr. Price mentions the melancholy intelligence of the death of his bosom friend Mrs. Price. She was taken ill on the 13th of April; and after languishing under the oppression of the most extreme heat, expired on the 2d of May. In these months the hot weather is the most severe.—Respecting the state of her mind in death, Dr. Price observes, that she was peaceful, calm and happy.—Their infant daughter which was taken with them on their departure from the United States, Dr. Price proposed sending immediately to Calcutta, unwilling to have her subjected for any time to the corrupt examples constantly before her, without the watchful care of a mother. It is pleasing to observe the

state of his mind, in the view of his affliction, expressed in the following words; "How I shall support this double separation, I know not; neither am I concerned to know; for He in whom I believe is all able, and can save with an everlasting salvation." The facts here stated loudly call on the friends of Missions to remember our missionary brethren by fervent and persevering prayer.

The Baptist Society in England for the moral and religious instruction of the Irish peasantry have had much opposition to encounter, in the difficulties arising from the state of society in the Roman Catholic provinces, in which a great proportion of their Schools is situated. But a more favourable state of things is now looked for. A divine blessing seems to accompany their labours,—a confidence is reposed in them by their fellow Christians at home, and there seems to be a readiness to assist their funds by liberal contributions. We wish their success may increase an hundred fold. In their example, we see the value of persevering exertions, where the object is the honour of God and the salvation of men.—Their success is a new attestation to the truth and faithfulness of the divine promise, "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." It has been well said, and the remark deserves a constant remembrance, "duty is ours; but the blessing is of God." In our next, we propose to give some further information respecting the success of this Society.

The Rev. Mr. Faure, minister of the Dutch Church in Great Reinet, in South Africa, is about publishing a religious magazine there, which it is expected will be of extensive advantage to the colony. The Directors of the London Missionary Society have at his request sent out printing paper for that work. Mr. Faure is said to be greatly useful, and much under the influence of a truly christian spirit, and of missionary enterprize.

The Congregational Union of Scotland held their tenth annual meeting in Glasgow in April last. Dr. Wardlaw, known in this country by his able writings was present. By means of this institution, the gospel is sent to the destitute in Scotland. Schools are maintained, and libraries established. Amongst twenty-nine churches and six preachers, 2,300 dollars have been distributed by this Society, so that 35 brethren have laboured in their service.

October 2, the third anniversary of the British and Foreign Seamen's Friend Society and Bethel Union was held in London. Societies of a similar nature are formed in about 40 seaports in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Others exist in New-Brunswick, Bermuda, Barbice and Cronstadt. On the Mediterranean, and in various other places, abroad, the like exertions are making for the spiritual benefit of sailors. The meeting was addressed by several clergymen and dissenting ministers, and by naval officers and others.

SOUTH-SEA ISLANDS.

The Rev. Dr. Hyerman has written to a friend in England, from Tahcete, November 24, 1821, respecting the surprising renovation which has taken place in that island since the arrival of the Missionaries there. But a few years since the natives were gross and degraded idolaters, practising the vilest sins.—Human victims were almost daily immolated on their cruel altars! Two thirds of the infants born were almost instantly murdered by their own mothers. Dr. T. saw one woman, who had destroyed eight of her own offspring; another had killed 9, another 17, another 20! The most base passions were indulged to the greatest extent. But God has displayed his grace in the midst of them, and the prayers of the British churches are heard and answered. The Lord's-day is universally honoured, the chiefs and common people all attending public worship. In the early morning is a prayer-meeting,

conducted entirely by the natives, at which their large places of worship are filled. At 9 in the morning, and at 3 in the afternoon, there is preaching to crowded assemblies, in which all is decent and solemn. At intermissions, old and young are catechised. Cooking is done on Saturday for the Lord's-day. Matthew, Luke and John are translated and printed, and are in the hands of the people, who carry these scriptures wherever they go, and who value them above gold. Every family maintains family worship. At every missionary station there is a church formed; and though they were organized but 3 or 4 years since, one of them has 29 members, another 63, a third 74, and a fourth 102. Indecency, profane swearing and drunkenness are unknown; vain amusements are banished; their idolatrous houses are demolished, and Christian chapels are built. December 5, 1821, Dr. T. partook at the Lord's Supper with a church of natives containing 106. Their order in worship, he says, is not exceeded in England. Thirteen of these islands have abandoned idolatry, and received the gospel.—Other islands are soliciting missionaries, and appear to be waiting for God's law.

During the three days and nights of Bartholomew fair in England, 109,000 Tracts on Religious subjects were distributed. The Tract Society has circulated above five millions of its Tracts during the last year.

The Directors of the London Missionary Society have taken into consideration the unhappy condition of the vast population of Siam, Cochin China, and Japan, have resolved to procure, as soon as practicable, complete translations of the Scriptures into the language of each of their countries.

Dr. Morrison is expected to visit England, next Spring, having obtained leave of absence from the Factory at Canton.

The Agent of the Mississippi Missionary Society has formed seven auxiliary societies in Alabama.

In a letter from the Rev. Mr. Wray, of Berbice, who made a visit to the island of Demerara in July last, it is stated, that many of those who were the first fruits of the gospel in Demerara continue to adorn their profession, manifesting a commendable zeal. Mr. W. was much pleased with the progress and conversations of the negroes. The missionaries are of different denominations; but appear to be cordially co-operating in the service of their Master. They are not permitted to learn the negroes to read, yet many do acquire the art, and study the principles of the Christian religion. O when shall slavery and ignorance be banished from the earth, and man no longer abuse his fellow-man!

A young lady, formerly a resident in Northampton, Mass. but now in Madisonville, Louisiana, thus writes to a friend in Boston. "I wish that the attention of your Missionary Societies, could, in some measure be directed to this section of our own country. Surely we are in as deplorable a state, for lack of gospel and sanctuary privileges, as the Sandwich islanders can be. The last time I attended worship, was Sunday, 24th March last, at Northampton (Ms.) if I except Saturday and Sunday last, when I attended at the house of a neighbour, the preaching of a Methodist clergyman from Tennessee.

CHURCH CONSTITUTED.

On Thursday, Dec. 19th, a regular Baptist church of twenty-one members, was organized at Peterborough, N. H. After prayer by brother Bolles, the council proceeded to recognize the christian standing of the brethren and sisters proposed as members of the new Church, and unanimously resolved to give their fellowship to this united band of christian volunteers, as a branch of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, in due form and order.—An appropriate and interesting sermon was afterwards preached by Rev. Mr. Bolles, from 1 Peter ii. 5.

From the Religious Intelligencer. NEW-YORK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

We have been favoured with the 'Circular' of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Education Society of the state of New-York, from which it appears that their concerns are in a prosperous state. The society was formed in 1817, incorporated in 1818, and in 1819 a seminary was established.

The Seminary is established at Hamilton, County of Madison, and is "nearly at an equal distance from the boundary of the State on the West, and Connecticut River on the East." The Circular states that there are more than 700 Baptist Churches scattered over that tract of country. Thirty five young men have been assisted by the Society, twenty two of whom are now under its patronage. The expenses of the Institution the last year were about \$3000. A Student can obtain board, lodging and washing for one dollar a week.

The people of Hamilton, with a liberality which does them honour, have erected for the Society "a very elegant stone building" 64 by 36 feet, and three stories high. It is supposed that it will be completed by the 1st of May next.

"About twenty thousand dollars have been subscribed to the funds of the institution, the most of which remains in the hands of the donors, subject to interest; and with few exceptions in small sums."

"Several Scholarships have recently been endowed, with a thousand dollars each. The interest of each sum is to support a scholar; and the scholarship is to bear up the donor's name for ever. Scholarship No. I. was endowed by Deacon Jonathan Olmsted; No. II. by Honourable Squier Monroe, and No. III. by Deacon Joseph Moss. Several other gentlemen have given assurances that they will do likewise. Examples of this kind from those conversant with the rise and progress of the institution, cannot fail to present the object in a commanding attitude, to the view of the benevolent, especially when they are preparing to relinquish their connexion with time to go and give an account of their stewardship. Several honourable bequests have been made to the institution by a number of saints, in their last will and testament, which we have no doubt are approved in heaven, and which they expect soon to ratify by their own death. A Library is commenced on a liberal scale."

"The time and course of instructions are varied to the circumstances of the student. A system of education is adopted embracing the learned languages, and some of the principal classics, together with Christian Theology. Three years are required on all these subjects, while those who omit the languages are retained only two years. The students have an extensive field for the exercise of their public gifts, in destitute Churches in the vicinity, in which they are required to preach in rotation every Sabbath."

The Circular was printed in the month of September, and we are informed that since its publication, "two more scholarships have been endowed, and two students added to the number of beneficiaries."

"There are several pious young men pursuing literary and theological studies at this Institution, having in view the gospel ministry, who support themselves."

THE CHRISTIAN SECRETARY.

HARTFORD, January 11, 1823.

It has been suggested to us, by several of our patrons that it would be much to the advantage of our paper, to enlarge it so as to occupy a whole sheet. It is found that a number of our subscribers feel unable to meet the expense of two newspapers, and at the same time feel unwilling to relinquish those papers which contain the po-

litical intelligence of the day, for this reason they are desirous that this paper should be so enlarged as to answer the purpose of a political as well as a religious newspaper, and thus supersede the necessity of other papers. We have taken the subject into consideration, and find there are several objections to this course, especially at the present time.

In the first place, as the subject has not been laid before the missionary society, the committee feel unwilling to assume the responsibility of increasing the expence without assurance of a patronage that shall meet it. It would be impossible to afford it as low as political papers in general, unless a considerable portion were devoted to advertisements. In that case, a sufficient portion of political news cannot be given without curtailing the religious department within the limits contemplated. It is also found that the Christian Secretary is now taken by many pious persons in low circumstances, (some of them females) who derive much satisfaction from its pages, but who would feel unwilling to increase the expence for the sake of political intelligence.

We shall with pleasure enlarge the paper to a full sheet, as soon as the patronage shall warrant us in doing it under the character of a religious paper, and we feel confident that it may be done without adding much to the price, provided proper exertion can be made to increase the number of subscribers.

When we consider the state of the Baptist denomination in this state, and remember that one dollar and fifty cents a year is hardly three cents a week, we cannot but flatter ourselves that our christian friends will upon deliberation find it practicable to aid us in this work. By encouraging a paper of this kind, we shall not only receive a three cent treat once a week ourselves, but shall promote the interest of our common cause, besides furnishing our children and families with early religious instruction.

It will be our object to insert some of the most important articles in the events of the day, but it is not expected that we can answer all the wishes of the statesman, especially when he not only wishes intelligence of facts, but is also desirous of seeing from time to time, some discussions of a political nature which shall comport with his own particular views.

MARRIED—In this city, Mr. Joseph Miller to Miss Emily Brown.

At Andover, Mr. — Hall to Miss Philena Lyman.

At Wethersfield, Mr. Erastus Deming to Miss Cynthia Robins.

DIED—In this city Mr. J. K. Scarborough, aged — Mr. Henry King, aged 23: Mrs. Esther Williams, wife of Mr. Thomas Williams, aged 49.

At Wethersfield, Capt. Richard Bunce.

At Glastenbury Mr. Howell Woodbridge, aged 37, of the firm of Woodbridge and Post.

In East Hartford, on Tuesday last, Capt. Ashbel Kee-ney. The circumstances of his death were singular and distressing. His wife who had been for some time deranged, took an opportunity at an unexpected moment, and seized his cravat and twisted it in such a manner that he expired in a few minutes, notwithstanding all the means used to extricate him from her grasp. The unfortunate woman appeared unconscious of having done any injury.

COMMUNICATED.

On Wednesday last the new Baptist meeting house in East Hartford was opened for the public worship of Almighty God. The introductory prayer was offered up by brother James Boswell, and a discourse was delivered on the occasion by brother Elisha Cushman of Hartford.

We congratulate the State of Maine (says the Portland Argus,) on the safe arrival from Europe of Dr. Wells, the Professor of Anatomy at Bowdoin College.

His recent return from the Medical Schools and Hospitals of France and Great Britain, must greatly increase the advantages of the next course of Medical Lectures at Brunswick.